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SUBJECT: MEETING ON DAC CHAIRMANSHIP FOR 1974 - JULY 20, 1973

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1. BRIEF INFORMAL THIRTY-MINUTE MEETING TO DISCUSS DAC CHAIRMANSHIP FOR 1974 WAS CHAIRED BY DAC VICE-CHAIRMAN, BLANC, WHO OPENED DISCUSSION BY SAYING NO DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN TODAY, BUT THAT SESSION WOULD SIMPLY GIVE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS ON SUBJECT. ALL SPEAKERS (EXCEPT PORTUGAL WHO WAS ABSENT) PRAISED MARTIN'S WORK AS DAC CHAIRMAN AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE HIM CONTINUE IN 1974. MANY HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS TO SUPPORT MARTIN'S EXTENSION. OTHERS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FELT REASONABLY CERTAIN THEIR AUTHORITIES SUPPORTED HIS EXTENSION. IN BRIEF STATEMENT MADE NEAR OPENING OF SESSION, US REP (BROWN) INDICATED WE HAD NOT YET TAKEN POSITION ON MATTER AND COULD NOT SAY AT THIS TIME WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RENEW MARTIN FOR ANOTHER TERM. WE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR REMARKS OF EARLIER SPEAKERS, SAID WE WOULD CONSCIENTIOUSLY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL FACTORS,

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INCLUDING COMMENTS BY SPEAKERS TODAY, AND HOPED WOULD HAVE A

CONSIDERED OPINION ON MATTER SOMETIME AFTER SUMMER RECESS.
US STATEMENT APPEARED TO GO OVER WELL WITH OTHER MEMBERS.
NO ATTEMPTS MADE TO PRESSURE US OR TO PROBE FOR REASONS BEHIND OUR
STATEMENT. HOWEVER, SEVERAL SPEAKERS SAID THEY NOW WAITING FOR
US TO MAKE TIS POSITION KNOWN BEFORE FURTHER STEPS COULD BE
TAKEN.

2. SOME DELEGATIONS SAID IF MARTIN COULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE,
IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TASK TO FIND SOMEONE WITH NECESSARY
QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL CHAIRMANSHIP AND THAT ALL POSSIBLE
CANDIDIATES FROM ANY MEMBER COUNTRY WOULD HAVE TO BE CON-
SIDERED. IN SUMMING UP, BLANC SAID ALL SPEAKERS SEEMED TO BE
IN FAVOR OF MARTIN STAYING ON AND THAT NO ACTION POSSIBLE UNTIL
USG POSITION KNOWN. US SUGGESTED AND IT AGREED THAT AFTER SUMMER
RECESS BLANC CONSULT WITH DELEGATIONS IN SEPTEMBER TO
SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING THIS SUBJECT.
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